

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A fire protection means that is to be integrated into a construction element, wherein the fire protection means comprises at least one hybrid film system that is transparent in the visible spectrum and in which at least one film is coated with intumescent material and wherein the film system comprises a plurality of films that contain organic and/or inorganic constituents that differ from each other, at least in part.

2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, wherein the film system has at least one adhesive layer that facilitates integration into environments.

4. (previously presented) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, wherein at least one constituent of the film system has a siliceous base.

5. (previously presented) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, wherein the film system has at least one layer comprising at least one organic or inorganic constituent in which the content of said constituent(s) varies over the thickness of the layer.

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, wherein the fire protection means comprises at least two films or film layers that have different chemical compositions and that are transparent at least in sections, whereby at least one of the layers is fire-retardant.

8. (previously presented) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, wherein the film system comprises several layers.

9. (previously presented) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, comprising a fire protection film SiO_2 and Na_2O with a mole ratio of SiO_2 to Na_2O in the range of 3.33 to 5.34.

10. (currently amended) The fire protection film according to Claim 1, comprising a fire protection film containing ~~high-melting~~ silicon oxides in the form of layer silicates or their precursors.

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) The fire protection film according to Claim 1, comprising a fire protection film containing ~~Laponite~~ a magnesium layer silicate.

13. (currently amended) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, wherein the intumescent material, at a residual moisture of 25 wt. %, contains between 0.5 wt. % and 23 wt. % glycerin.

14. (currently amended) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, wherein the intumescent material, at a residual moisture between 24.32 wt. % and 25.97 wt. %,

a) contains 0 wt. % to 2 wt. % ~~MTEOS~~ methyltriethoxysilane (MTEOS) or

b) at a glycerin content of 5 wt. %,

contains 0 wt. % to 6 wt. % ~~MTEOS~~ methyltriethoxysilane (MTEOS).

15. (currently amended) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, wherein the intumescent material, at a residual moisture between 24.47 wt. % and 25.81 wt. %,

a) contains 0 wt. % to 2 wt. % ~~TEOS~~ tetraethylorthosilicate (TEOS) or

b) at a glycerin content of 5 wt. %,

contains 0 wt. % to 6 wt. % ~~TEOS~~ tetraethylorthosilicate (TEOS).

16. (currently amended) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, wherein the intumescent material, at a residual moisture between 24.13 wt. % and 27.24 wt. %,

a) contains 0 wt. % to 5.5 wt. % ~~GTPS~~ glycidoxypyltrimethoxysilane (GTPS) or

b) at a glycerin content of 5 wt. %,

contains 0 wt. % to 8 wt. % ~~GTPS~~ glycidoxypyltrimethoxysilane (GTPS).

17. (currently amended) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, wherein the intumescent material, at a residual moisture between 25.13 wt. % and 25.66 wt. %,

- a) contains 1 wt. % to 2 wt. % surfactant, ~~especially TEGOTENS, or~~
- b) at a glycerin content of 5 wt. %,
contains 1 wt. % to 1.96 wt. % surfactant, ~~especially TEGOTENS.~~

18. (previously presented) Fire protection glazing, comprising at least one fire protection means according to Claim 1.

19. (withdrawn) A method for the production of a fire protection means that is to be integrated into a construction element, the fire protection means comprising at least one hybrid film system that is transparent in the visible spectrum and in which at least one film is coated with intumescent material, comprising producing the film system in a continuous process.

20. (withdrawn) The method according to Claim 16, wherein the method comprises cascading coating processes.

21. (withdrawn) The method according to Claim 16, wherein the method comprises thin-film drying.

22. (currently amended) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, wherein the intumescent material, at a residual moisture of 25 wt. %, contains between 7 wt. % and 23 wt. % glycerin.

23. (currently amended) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, wherein the intumescent material, at a residual moisture of 25 wt. %, contains between 10 wt. % and 23 wt. % glycerin.

24. (currently amended) The fire protection means according to Claim 1, wherein the intumescent material, at a residual moisture of 25 wt. %, contains between 12 wt. % and 23 wt. % glycerin.